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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1652  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q64574

Hirobumi AOKI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1652

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For: NOVEL RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL HYDRATASE  
GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING THEM

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a petition for extension of time of one month, making this Amendment due on or before January 10, 2005 (January 9, 2005 being a Sunday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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